

**A RESOLUTION**

**04-R-2104**

**BY COUNCILMEMBER H. LAMAR WILLIS**

**AS SUBSTITUTED BY FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INCLUSION OF A PLAN TO PROVIDE A CITY WIDE WIRELESS FIDELITY (WIFI) SYSTEM AS A PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY's 2004-2006 STRATEGIC PLAN.**

**WHEREAS**, municipalities across the country have began utilizing WIFI technology since the late 1990's; and,

**WHEREAS**, these municipalities have experienced a range of benefits from its utilization, including community revitalization and increased government efficiency; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Technology's 2004-2006 Strategic Plan calls for the provision of access to City services anywhere, anytime and implementation of this technology falls directly in line with this objective and others outlined in the plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, all citizens of Atlanta would benefit from use of affordable broadband data communications; and,

**WHEREAS**, its installation would assist in bridging the digital divide that has been created by the advent of the Internet and allow all families to fully reap its benefits; and,

**WHEREAS**, WIFI Technology is a well-established technology with a wide choice of equipment, and it is relatively inexpensive; and,

**WHEREAS**, because of its potential positive economic impact on the City of Atlanta this endeavor would be ideal for the City to cultivate public/private partnerships to financially support this effort.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA;** requests the inclusion of a plan for the installation, implementation and maintenance of a WIFI system for the City of Atlanta as part of the Department's 2004-2006 Strategic Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the plan should include the information on the potential economic benefits to the City and the costs for installing, implementing and maintaining the system.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that results of the plan should be presented to Council no later than August 2005.